

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:605
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001
TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RAJASTHAN
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI;VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had any proposal to open telephone exchanges in Rajasthan in the last two years;
- (b) whether the Government have set up these proposed telephone exchanges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government propose to take action against the officers found guilty in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) During the year 1999-2000, total 183 new exchanges were opened. During 2000-2001, only 103 exchanges were opened.
- (c) District-wise details are enclosed at annexure.
- (d) During 2000-2001, only 103 new exchanges could be opened against the target of 150 new exchanges because of short supply of OFC (Optical Fibre Cable) in entire international market.
- (e) No officer can be held guilty in this case as the reasons for non-achievement of the new exchange target were beyond control.

Annexure

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF NEW EXCHANGES OPENED

S.No. Name of District Opened during 1999-2000 Opened during 2000-2001

1	Ajmer	3	3
2.	Alwar	3	2
3.	Banswara	1	0
4.	Baran	6	10
5.	Barmer	7	4
6.	Bharatpur	4	9
7	Bhilwara	8	4
8.	Bikaner	8	8
9.	Bundi	2	1
10.	Chittorgarh	8	3

11.	Churu	24	2	
12.	Dausa	1	0	
13.	Dholpur	0	1	
14.	Dungarpur	2	3	
15.	Hanumangarh	11	5	
16.	Jaipur	8	2	
17.	Jaisalmer	2	5	
18.	Jalore	10	1	
19.	Jhalawar	2	1	
20.	Jhunjhunu	2	1	
21.	Jodhpur	12	8	
22.	Karauli	2	1	
23.	Kota	7	0	
24.	Nagaur	12	3	
25.	Pali	11	4	
26.	Rajsamand	1	1	
27.	Sawai Madhopur	2	1	
28.	Sikar	4	8	
29.	Sirohi	6	0	
30.	Sriganganagar	9	7	
31.	Tonk	3	2	
32.	Udaipur	2	3	

Total	183	103	
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